

REVIEWS

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HERBERT B. ENDERTON. *A Mathematical Introduction to Logic*. Harcourt/Academic Press, New York and London, 2001 (Second edition), xii + 317 pp.

This text gives a clearly written, rigorous and detailed presentation of, in the words of the author, “the basic concepts and results of logic: the topics are proofs, truth, and computability” (ix). After over thirty years of wide use in colleges and universities throughout the United States, the first edition has earned the reputation of being the definitive text for a junior-senior level undergraduate course in mathematical logic. The reviewer projects the second edition will continue to hold this status.

The material and its organization remain almost exactly the same as in the first edition. The book is composed of four weighty chapters. Propositional logic is covered in Chapter 1. Chapter 2 gives a thorough introduction to first-order logic, covering truth and models, formal deductions, and the Compactness, Soundness, and Completeness Theorems. Chapter 3 covers number theory and reducts and subtheories of number theory, Gödel’s First and Second Incompleteness Theorems, and recursive functions and undecidability. An introduction to second-order logic is given in Chapter 4.

There is greater emphasis on computability throughout this edition, and the section on “Effectiveness and Computability” has been non-trivially expanded. The section on models of theories now includes material on finite models. Indicated are some sections which can be postponed or even omitted. For instance, the section on “Induction and Recursion,” which can be difficult for many students, occurs two sections later, and can even be postponed